



OUTDOORS

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OUTDOORS

This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Questions on a particular program or event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 37**.

Directions and **map** for program/event locations are also at the end of this booklet.

Want the latest park news and info?

Call **805-370-2301** or visit **www.nps.gov/samo**

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Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

KEEP HYDRATED Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

FOOTWEAR Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

NEVER HIKE ALONE The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

POISON OAK Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

TICKS Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

EMERGENCIES

Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area

VISIT US!

Visitor Center

26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
Hours: 9am to 5pm
(closed some holidays)
805-370-2301

Online

www.nps.gov/samo
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TUE 10/1 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers: Hondo Canyon Backbone Trail Join a moderately-paced 5-mile 1400' loss hike in a dramatic, scenic canyon. Short shuttle to top of mountain and a downhill hike. Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Canyon Rd 0.4 mile west of intersection with Topanga Canyon Blvd. Limited roadside parking. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-501-1225. 3hrs SC

TUE 10/1 9am

Point Mugu State Park
Moderate Hikers: Sycamore/Serrano Canyons Join us on a 9-mile, 1200' gain hike to the saddle above Serrano Canyon. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-821-4123. 5hrs SC

Outdoor Skills Workshop Introduction to Tracking: Sign and Awareness

Saturday, October 5
9:30am–Noon

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Learn tracking skills, animal movements and patterns, plus trailing led by outdoor skills instructor and naturalist **Rob Remedi**. Class includes awareness techniques and activities in how to "see" substantially more wildlife. Age 9 and older. Reservations recommended. Meet inside the visitor center.

Information: 805-370-2302
Western National Parks Association

WED 10/2 9am

Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Painting Visit and watch or paint with California impressionists. Bring camera and painting materials. All levels welcome. Info: Soni 818-800-5105. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 10/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

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Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC



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Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

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Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbambt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

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*Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit*
Crayfish Capture Help remove the non-native red swamp crayfish! Great fun for kids, families, and groups. Learn about the aquatic ecosystem of Malibu Creek. Bring a jacket and wear shoes that can get muddy. To register, visit www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For larger groups, call 818-591-1701 x202. 2.5hrs MRT

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Interagency Visitor Center*
Outdoor Skills Workshop
See box to left

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Topanga State Park
38th Annual Volunteer Training See page 8

MRCA Wilderness Survival Workshops

King Gillette Ranch

5 Saturday workshops:

- 10/5 *Elements of Survival*
- 10/12 *Wilderness First Aid and Wild Edibles*
- 10/19 *Advanced Shelter Construction*
- 10/26 *Expedition Planning and Outdoor Ethics*
- 11/2 *Backcountry Navigation and Tracking*

Gain knowledge of outdoor skills through on-the-trail experiences. Each session is 6 hours. \$110 per workshop (discount for 3 or more sessions). Limited spaces available so reservations are required. Age 18+

Info and Reservations:

818-878-0866 x227 or education@mrca.ca.gov



SAT 10/5 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. Bring water and a snack. 2hrs CCD

SAT 10/5 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s and still is to this day. Go on location and join us for an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/5 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Elements of Survival Get hands-on experience with fire making techniques including friction, spark, and solar methods. Discover ways to locate water sources and practice water filtration using solar stills and natural filters. Fee. Reservations required. See box above. 6hrs MRCA

SAT 10/5 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking, innovations, and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

*Topanga Canyon Docents***38th Annual Volunteer Training**

Topanga State Park Trippet Ranch Nature Center



Saturday sessions will cover many topics including Native Americans, plants, birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, and amphibians. There will also be some Sunday interpretive walks. FEE. 6 hours each class.

Reservations required. For more information:

Karin at 310-455-3143 or

Marc at marcbirenbaum@gmail.comor visit TopangaDocents.org**SUN 10/6 8:45am***Santa Monica Mountains***Weed Wars Restore Habitat**

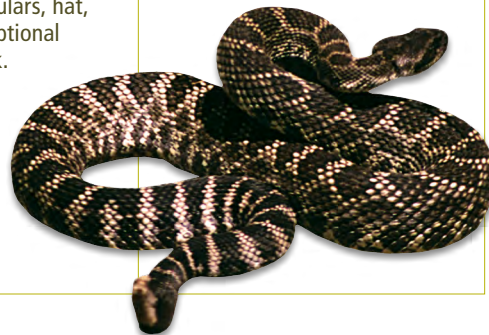
Plants that don't belong are removed to be replaced with habitat forming native plants that feed native birds and animals. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/6 9am*Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Center*

Nature Trek Take a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails and sun-baked, steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 10/6 10am*Santa Monica Mountains**Interagency Visitor Center***Live Reptile & Amphibian Event See box to left****SUN 10/6 10am***Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Center*

In Search of Franklin Canyon Treasures What treasures will you find in the canyon? Join us on a hunt full of surprises. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**Live Reptile & Amphibian Event****Sunday, October 6
10 am - 3 pm***Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*

Get up close and personal with live reptiles and amphibians presented by members of the *Southwestern Herpetologists Society*.

Speaker programs throughout the day will cover herpetological themes. WNPA

Info: 805-370-2302**SAT 10/5 3pm***Santa Monica Mountains**Interagency Visitor Center***Capture a Nature Moment**

Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 10/6 8am*Topanga State Park*

Audubon Bird Walk Identify birds by sight and sound; for experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 10/6 3pm*Franklin Canyon -**Franklin Canyon Ranch***Capture a Nature Moment**

Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 10/8 10am*Santa Monica Mountains**Interagency Visitor Center*

Treks and Tales Enjoy a story and a fun-filled hike with your youngster (ages 1-4 accompanied by an adult) while learning about plants and animals. Bring a snack. Meet at fountain. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. 1hr NPS/WNPA

THU 10/10 8am*Santa Monica Mountains*

China Flat & Simi Peak Join a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1300' gain hike through chaparral, grasslands and oaks, with great views from 2403' peak. Meet at Lindero Cyn Rd trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Lindero Cyn Rd, exit 39, north about 4 miles, past Kanan Rd and King James Ct, make U turn at Wembly Ave and park on north side of Lindero Cyn between Wembly and King James Ct). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug-soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

FRI 10/11 2pm*Santa Monica Mountains**Interagency Visitor Center*

King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

National Park Service Discontinues Sale of the Federal Lands Passes Starting October 1, 2013



As of October 1, 2013, the National Park Service will end the sale of federal lands passes at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center. The federal lands passes—including versions for seniors, active military, and the disabled—cover entrance fees at national parks and other federal lands. There is no fee to enter federal lands in the Santa Monica Mountains, but there are parking fees associated with lands administered by other agencies in our mountains.

Federal lands passes can be purchased at **Channel Islands National Park** or at **Angeles National Forest**. For information on other methods of obtaining one of these passes, visit www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm

COLD CREEK DOCENTS Annual Naturalist Training

HELP KIDS LEARN ABOUT NATURE

Popular informal school program teaches kids about nature and earth science. Learn to lead nature hikes with 8-12 year olds at beautiful UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve. Learn about Santa Monica Mountains' plants, animals, early Chumash/Tongva cultures, interpretive techniques, and much more. You will also learn to make cool teaching tools. Fee.

Info: 818-591-9363



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservations required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
required).

Meet docent at the Gate
House for a one-hour tour.
FEE. Rain cancels. MLMD

SAT 10/12 8am
Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature in Focus A good photograph combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way to get that memorable picture. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Flocks on the Flyway Heading south, birds are looking for a cozy winter home. See and hear about migration on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Families welcome. Meet at flagpole. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

SAT 10/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve to care for native plants. Bring snack and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 10/12 9am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Zuma Canyon Trailhead
Moderate Hikers Join a moderately strenuous 11-mile, 2800' gain loop hike on canyon and ridge trails with ocean and coastal views. Bring water and lunch. Red Flag Alert cancels. Info: 310-474-0349. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/12 9:30am
King Gillette Ranch
Artist's Paint-out Wildlife corridor with views of mountain vistas, meadows, ponds, fruit orchards, eucalyptus, and architecture. All artists, any media are welcome. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 10/12 10am
King Gillette Ranch
Wilderness First Aid and Wild Edibles Gain practical experience on how to triage broken bones and lacerations, transport a fellow injured hiker to safety, and react to changing environmental conditions. Also discover native plants which have nutritional and medicinal properties. Fee. Reservations required. See box on page 7. 6hrs MRCA

SAT 10/12 2pm
King Gillette Ranch
Walk into the Chumash World Discover how local Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 10/13 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Autumn's Allure Easy hike down hill through rock-studded chaparral, grassland and riparian habitats. Bring water and snack. 2hrs CCD

SUN 10/13 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
After the Fire Join a ranger for a hike to discuss the recovery of this site after the Springs Fire and how fire impacts our mountains. Families welcome. Meet at main parking lot. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS



MON 10/14 1pm
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

TUE 10/15 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park
Our Nature Neighbors See box to right

FRI 10/18 10am
Rocky Oaks
Tiny Tot Trek Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your youngster (ages 1-4 accompanied by an adult) while learning about the plants and animals. Bring a snack. Meet at parking lot. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. 1hr NPS

FRI 10/18 6pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 10/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Invasive Plant Removal: Volunteers Needed Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required; rain cancels. For more info and reservations, contact Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

October 15, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

Our Nature Neighbors

Marcella Bell with California Wildlife Center takes in rescued, orphaned, and injured wildlife and provides species appropriate care. Learn the do's and don'ts of how you can help our nature neighbors. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC



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Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

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Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/19 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat with native plants. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 10/19 9:30am
Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit
Crayfish Capture Bring back native fish and native frogs by removing the non-native red swamp crayfish! Great fun for kids, families, and groups. Learn more about the aquatic ecosystem of Malibu Creek. Bring a jacket and wear shoes that can get muddy. To register, visit www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For larger groups, call 818-591-1701 x202. 2.5hrs MRT

SAT 10/19 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest & Exhibit



BIG PHOTO AFTERNOON

at King Gillette Ranch
Saturday, October 19
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Join us for the exhibit opening, announcement of the 2013 *Photo Contest* winners, and a professional photo review of this year's entries.

Visit: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
for the latest information

Info: 805-370-2301

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, October 20
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center

Tongva artist **Julia Bogany** will present a workshop on how to make bull roarers and will discuss the practice behind its tribal uses.

Materials will be provided. All ages are welcome.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



SAT 10/19 10am
King Gillette Ranch
Advanced Shelter Construction Explore options for shelter design, location, and materials both natural and improvised. Master useful knots and lashings for holding your shelter together in wind, rain, or ground squirrel invasion! Fee. Reservations required. See box on page 7. 6hrs MRCA

SAT 10/19 11am
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Inspiration Point Hike Get inspired by nature by starting off the day with this hike. Bring a lunch and stay for the *Big Photo Afternoon*. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by fountain. 1hr NPS

SUN 10/20 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 10/20 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/20 3pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Native Ways Join us on an easy stroll and learn how various everyday useful items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 10/22 8:30am
Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons
Easy-pace Hikers: Sulfur Springs Enjoy a moderately-paced 6+ mile, 500' gain hike through ridge grasslands, then along an old ranch road following a streambed/multiple stream crossings with oak woodlands. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 805-532-2485. 3hrs SC

TUE 10/22 9am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Wendy Trailhead
Moderate Hikers Join an 8.5-mile, 1500' gain hike in the Boney Mountain Wilderness on Upper Sycamore Canyon, Fossil, and Old Boney trails with a side trip to the Danielson Monument. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier @ 8:30am. Info: 818-905-5558. 4.5hrs SC

FRI 10/25 6pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Spooky Spiders Learn about the spectacular (and sometimes) spooky spiders of the mountains within this 1-mile hike. Bring your binoculars, water and sturdy shoes. Meet at main parking lot. 1hr NPS

SAT 10/26 8:30am
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SAT 10/26 10am
Circle X Ranch
Cider at Circle X See box to right

SAT 10/26 10am
King Gillette Ranch
Expedition Planning and Outdoor Ethics Learn how to plan your route, locate water sources, and predict the weather. Useful items, like duct tape and paracord, and low impact hiking practices will be explored. Fee. Reservations required. See box on page 7. 6hrs MRCA

SAT 10/26 1pm
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Stroll Through the Seasons Enjoy a gentle walk through the native plant garden, where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. 30 minutes MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/26 3pm
Temescal Gateway Park
Walk into the Chumash World Discover how local Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 10/27 8:30am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Beginners, experts, teens or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 10/27 10am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Enjoy a special walk - binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 10/27 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
After the Fire Join a ranger for a hike to discuss the recovery of this site after the Springs Fire and how fire impacts our mountains. Families welcome. Meet at main parking lot. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS



TUE 10/29 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers: China Flat Enjoy a moderately-paced 6-mile, 1000' gain hike through chaparral and sandstone outcroppings up to an oak-dotted grassland meadow and seasonal pond. Meet at Lindero Cyn Rd trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy, take Lindero Cyn Rd exit north, proceed 4 miles, past Kanan Rd to King James Ct, and park just north on Lindero Cyn Rd. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-346-5759. 3hrs SC



14th Annual Cider at Circle X

October 26, 2013
Saturday, 10am–4pm
Circle X Ranch

Visit a site high in the Santa Monica Mountains. Drop by for cider, cookies, and candy at the Circle X Contact Station. Park staff will be available to provide trail information for self-guided exploration. NPS



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King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking, innovations, and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 11/2 10am
*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s, and still is to this day. Go on location and join us for an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

2013 Backbone Festival Hikes

Join us on the 16th year of this annual event. On the first three Saturdays and Sundays in November and the first weekend in December, the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter will lead a hike on a portion of the 65-mile Santa Monica Mountains Backbone Trail.

November 2 Saturday, 9am
*Circle X Ranch -
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*

Mishe Mokwa to 6 Peaks
Strenuous 9-mile, 2700' gain hike to reach six easy peaks (2800' to 3111') in one day. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-990-7643. 5hrs

November 3 Sunday, 8:30am
*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Newton Canyon Trailhead*

Kanan Road to Zuma Canyon
Moderate 6-mile hike with oak woodlands and views. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs

November 9 Saturday, 9am
Santa Monica Mountains

Tapia Park to Mesa Peak
Moderate 7-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike to Mesa Peak (1844') for spectacular ocean views. Meet on shoulder of Piuma Road at intersection with Malibu Canyon Road. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs

November 10 Sunday, 9am
*Point Mugu State Park -
Ray Miller Trailhead*

Ray Miller Trail Loop
Moderate 8-mile, 1400' gain loop hike at the western end of the Backbone Trail into La Jolla Canyon. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-773-4601. 4hrs

November 16 Saturday, 9am
Santa Monica Mountains

Hondo Canyon to Saddle Peak
Moderately-strenuous 10-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike to lunch at peak. Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Cyn Road, at turn-out 0.5 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-474-0349. 5hrs

November 17 Sunday, 9am
*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Newton Canyon Trailhead*

Kanan Dume Road to Trancas Canyon
Moderately 8-mile, 1700' gain hike past Newton Canyon Falls to a streamside lunch. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs

December 7 Saturday, 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains

Bienvenida-Leacock Trails to Will Rogers State Historic Park
Very strenuous 15-mile, 2800' gain loop hike into Temescal Canyon and Will Rogers State Historic Park. Meet at end of Bienvenida Avenue (Sunset Blvd. 0.5 mile west of Temescal Cyn Road. 1 mile north on Bienvenida to gate at Villa Floresta. Park on street). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-398-6344. 7hrs

December 8 Sunday, 9am
*Topanga State Park -
Dead Horse Trailhead*

Dead Horse Trail to Eagle Rock
Moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-820-8021. 4hrs

Want more info on the Backbone Trail? nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/backbonetrail.htm

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, November 3

10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Join Navajo/Pueblo of Isletas artist, **Rowan Harrison**, as he teaches and demonstrates how to create your very own small hand-coiled pottery. Materials will be provided. Please be on time. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 11/3 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek Take a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails and sun-baked, steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/3 10am & 1pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Cultural Workshop
See box on left

SUN 11/3 2pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Capture a Nature Moment
Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 11/5 8:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers: Scenic Splendor Enjoy a moderately-paced 6-mile, 1000' gain hike through a riparian canyon with sandstone outcroppings. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 11/5 9am

Solstice Canyon
Moderate Hikers Join a 7-mile round-trip, 2000' gain hike to Roberts Ranch into Deer Valley and on to high ground with ocean views. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs SC

THU 11/7 8:30am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Newton Canyon Backbone Trail Enjoy a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1400' gain hike on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799 4hrs SC

FRI 11/8 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SAT 11/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Listen! Stop! Look! Join us for an easy walking exploration of King Gillette Ranch's many habitats as we look for migrants and resident birds. Emphasis will be on learning bird calls; bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Families welcome. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 11/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/9 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Crayfish Capture Bring back native fish and native frogs by removing the non-native red swamp crayfish! Great fun for kids, families, and groups. Learn more about the aquatic ecosystem of Malibu Creek. Bring a jacket and wear shoes that can get muddy. To register, visit www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For larger groups, call 818-591-1701 x202. 2.5hrs. MRT

SAT 11/9 9:30am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Artist's Paint-out All artists, any media enjoy the sycamore's yellow leaves, quaint ranch house, and views of Paramount Peak. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 11/9 3pm

King Gillette Ranch
Living in the Sticks Meet the dusky-footed woodrat on his own turf. Go on a tour of the neighborhood where they build elaborate nests that are both a home and a time capsule on this 1-mile easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/10 9:30am

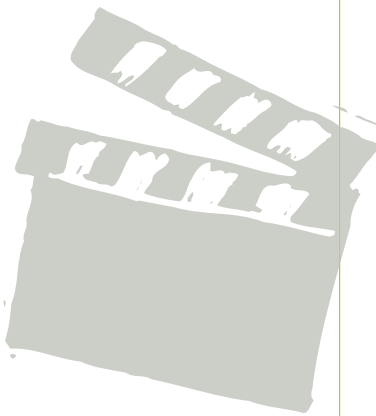
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Autumn's Paintbrush Walk Easy hike downhill through rock-studded chaparral, grassland and riparian habitats. Awesome views. Bring snack and water. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 11/10 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
After the Fire Join a ranger for a hike to discuss the recovery of this site after the Springs Fire and how fire impacts our mountains. Families welcome. Meet at main parking lot. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS

MON 11/11 1pm

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS





Vulture Verses: Love Poems for the Unloved

**Monday,
November 11
2pm - 2:45pm**

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center

Great family fun for all ages. Join children's author and naturalist **Diane Lang** as she reads her book *Vulture Verses*, winner of The Children's Book Review Award and PubWest Book Design Award, and shows off her collection of less-loved animals. WNPA

Info: 805-370-2302



SUN 11/10 2pm
*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Happy Birthday Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area! Come celebrate the 35th birthday. Join rangers for a get-together in the courtyard featuring the SAMO Ranger Band. Join a history tour of King Gillette Ranch - and some sweets to celebrate. 2hrs NPS/MRCA/CSP

TUE 11/12 10am
*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Treks and Tales Enjoy a story and a fun-filled hike with your youngster (ages 1-4 accompanied by an adult) while learning about plants and animals. Bring a snack. Meet at fountain. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. 1hr NPS/WNPA

SAT 11/16 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Invasive Plant Removal: Volunteers Needed Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required; rain cancels. For more info and reservation, contact Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/16 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/16 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/16 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat with native plants. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/16 9am
*Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Nature in Focus A good photograph combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way to get that memorable picture. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 11/16 9:30am
*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Antique Native American Basketry Show See box to right

SAT 11/16 2pm
King Gillette Ranch
Walk into the Chumash World Discover how local Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/17 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 11/17 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
Weed Wars Restore Habitat Plants that don't belong are removed to be replaced with habitat forming native plants that feed native birds and animals. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/17 10am & 1pm
*Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center*
Cultural Workshop
See box below

SUN 11/17 3pm
*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Native Ways Enjoy an easy stroll and learn how everyday useful items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/17 5pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

TUE 11/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers: Malibu Nature Preserve Join a 4-6 mile, 200' gain/1600' loss hike. Enjoy a snack in Sycamore Grove picnic grounds and local landscape art work in lodge. Meet at the Malibu Nature Preserve, 33905 West PCH, Malibu. Short car shuttle. Bring water, snack, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

TUE 11/19 9am
*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Newton Canyon Trailhead*
Moderate Hikers This is a 9-mile, roundtrip, 1200' gain hike on the Backbone Trail. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-274-7987. 5hrs SC

TUE 11/19 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park
Earth Skills
See box on page 20

Antique Native American Basketry Show

Saturday & Sunday, November 16 -17
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Join us for a Native American Basketry Show featuring California and contemporary Arizona American Indian baskets. Lectures presented by Native American art expert **Terry DeWald** at 11 am and 2 pm.

INFO: 805-370-2302
Western National Parks Association

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, November 17
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

**Satwiwa Native American Indian
Culture Center**

Join Potawatomi/Cherokee artist, **Nadiya Littlewarrior**, for a workshop on making decorative gourd necklaces. Materials will be provided. Please be on time. All ages welcome!

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

November 19, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

Earth Skills

Veteran tracker, **Jim Lowery** with Earth Skills and author of *The Trackers Field Guide*, shares his secrets to access the world of animals through their prints. The behavior and personality of the animals can emerge from signs you find in the field. Jim has trained thousands of trackers to "walk with the animals." Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

holiday sale

November 23 – 24
Saturday and Sunday, 9am-5pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center

Save 15% - 75% on all store items, except for handcrafted products. The selection of merchandise includes unique books, maps, jewelry, apparel, soaps, and antique baskets.

Western National Parks Association
INFO: 805-370-2302

WED 11/20 10am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Painting Visit and watch or paint with California impressionists. Bring camera and painting materials. All levels welcome. Info: Soni 818-800-5105. 4hrs TOPAW

THU 11/21 8:30am

Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons
Cheeseboro Canyon Enjoy a moderately-paced 9-10 mile hike to Shepherds' Flat, over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a stream-bed. Meet at trailhead. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-222-5581. 4hrs SC

SAT 11/23 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/23 9am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Holiday Sale See box to left

SAT 11/23 1pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Stroll Through the Seasons Enjoy a gentle walk through the native plant garden, where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. 30 minutes MRCA/SMMC

SAT 11/23 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Walk into the Chumash World Discover how Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/24 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Beginners, experts, teens or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 11/24 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/24 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Join a special walk - binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 11/24 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
After the Fire Join a ranger for a hike to discuss the recovery of this site after the Springs Fire and how fire impacts our mountains. Families welcome. Meet at main parking lot. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS

Historic Adamson House
at Malibu Lagoon State Beach



A Thanksgiving Welcome

Enjoy extended hours during the Thanksgiving weekend: 1-hour tours from 11am to 4pm on Friday and Saturday, 11/29 and 11/30. FEE. MLMD

For Reservations: 310-456-8432

SUN 11/24 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

TUE 11/26 9am

Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Moderate Hikers Great views of mountains/sea through coastal sage and grasslands on an 8-mile, roundtrip, 1300' gain hike. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info 310-202-0331. 4hrs SC

FRI 11/29 11am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Let's Move Outside Kids of all ages, come shake off that turkey and act like a turkey - by getting physically active in the great outdoors. Join a ranger on a physical fitness obstacle course - prizes will be awarded. Meet on the lawn. 1hr NPS

SAT 11/30 8:30am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Rambling Raptors, Hovering Hawks Wide open views, tall perches, and rising thermals give good looks at kites, harriers, buteos, and falcons. What are they looking for? Bring binoculars on this 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SAT 11/30 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC



UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve
K-12 Environmental Education Program:
www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org/index.php/kids-area

For info on the Reserve: www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org





*Questions on a program/event? Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service). Then use the **Directory on Page 37** to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.*

SUN 12/1 8am
Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk A leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound; for experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 12/1 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek Take a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails and sun-baked, steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



ANNUAL SATWIWA SHOW & SALE
Sunday, December 1, 10am–3pm
 Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join us for a day of hand-crafted art, music, storytelling, and family fun. Buy Native American art, crafts, and jewelry. Meet the local artists. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 12/1 1pm
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Get Your Holiday On See box to right

SUN 12/1 1:30pm
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Tom Gamache See box to right

TUE 12/3 8:30am
Malibu Creek State Park - Reagan Ranch
Easy-pace Hikers: Cornell to MASH Site Enjoy a moderately-paced 6-mile, 600' gain hike including Lookout Trail, Century Lake, MASH site, and Reagan picnic area. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

TUE 12/3 9am
Topanga State Park - Dead Horse Trailhead
Moderate Hikes Hit the trail on an 8-mile, roundtrip, 1200' gain hike on the Backbone Trail to Eagle Rock. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

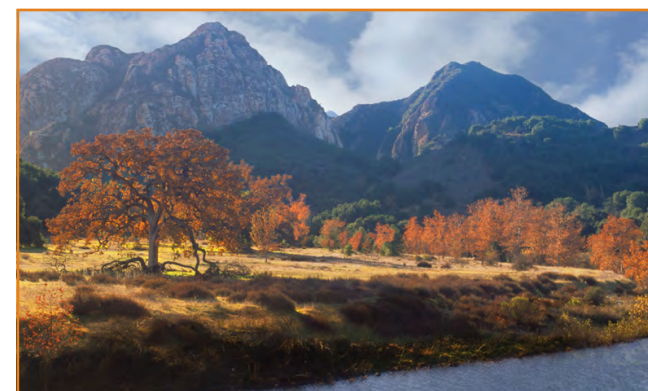
WED 12/4 10am
Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Painting Visit and watch or paint with California impressionists. Bring camera and painting materials. All levels welcome. Info: Soni 818-800-5105. 4hrs TOPAW

FRI 12/6 4pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Behold! A Setting Star and Streaking Comet See box on page 24

SAT 12/7 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/7 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/7 8:45am
Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



Tom Gamache Photography Exhibit
 From **December 1 - 22, 2013** at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Sunday, December 1:
1:30pm to 2:30pm – Meet the Artist
2:30pm to 4:00pm – Free Photo Walk *

** Limited enrollment*

Pre-register for *Meet the Artist* and *Photo Walk* at 805-370-2301 and be entered in the book raffle!

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Historic Adamson House
 at Malibu Lagoon State Beach



Get Your Holiday On!

Four days of special Sunday afternoon tours:
12/1, 12/15, 12/22 and 12/29.
 45-minute tours starting at 1pm and available throughout the afternoon. Tours include refreshments and a wrapped gift. Prepaid reservations required. FEE.
For reservations: 310-456-8432

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Behold! A Setting Star and Streaking Comet

December 6 - Friday, 4pm - 7pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Join park rangers and astronomers to behold a plasma star 110 times the diameter of Earth blazing across the sky. After the sun sets, Comet ISON* may be visible. Learn the relationship between our planet, comets, and the sun. Enjoy a view through our telescope. Meet at the main parking lot. Info: 805-370-2301

*Check local news for the latest updates on Comet ISON.



SAT 12/7 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 12/7 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Stroll along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. Bring snack and water. 2hrs CCD

SAT 12/7 9:30am
Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Crayfish Capture Bring back native fish and native frogs by removing the non-native red swamp crayfish! Great fun for kids, families, and groups. Learn more about the aquatic ecosystem of Malibu Creek. Bring a jacket and wear shoes that can get muddy. To register, visit www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For larger groups, call 818-591-1701 x202. 2.5hrs MRT

SAT 12/7 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s and still is to this day. Go on location and join us for an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/7 10am
King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking, innovations, and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/7 10am
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Medicinal Plant Hike See box to right



SAT 12/7 2pm
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/7 3pm
King Gillette Ranch
Living' in the Sticks Meet the dusky-footed woodrat on his own turf. Go on a tour of the neighborhood where they build elaborate nests that are both a home and a time capsule on this 1-mile easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/8 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
Weed Wars Restore Habitat Plants that don't belong are removed to be replaced with habitat forming native plants that feed native birds and animals. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/8 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
After the Fire Join a ranger for a hike to discuss the recovery of this site after the Springs Fire and how fire impacts our mountains. Families welcome. Meet at main parking lot. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS



Medicinal Plant Hike

December 7, 2013 Saturday, 10 am - 12 noon

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Professor Jim Adams, PhD, of the USC School of Pharmacy will lead a hike to teach the medicinal uses of California plants. Adams was trained in Chumash healing and will present traditional recipes for making healing medicines. Co-author of *Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West*, Adams will be available to sign his book. Bring water and sunscreen. Wear hiking boots. Meet inside Visitor Center. WNPA

Reservations Required: 805-370-2302

SUN 12/8 2pm
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Gardening with Nature Know what plants need - soil, water, and sunlight - and identify these factors in your landscape. Learn which native plants will thrive in your garden and why. Join local native plant gardener, Kathie, on a tour of the Visitor Center native plant garden. 1.5hrs NPS

SUN 12/8 2pm
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

Environmental Educator Training

*Like working with students (grades K–12)?
Enjoy being outside interpreting nature?
Want to be part of a local community that
helps the environment?*

Train this fall to become an Environmental Educator! Interested? Contact the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains.

INFORMATION
rcdsmm.org/education
rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com
818-597-8627 x103

TUE 12/10 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Easy-pace Hikers: Eagle Rock Enjoy a moderately-paced 5-mile, 700' gain hike through grasslands, oak woodlands, chaparral, and coastal sage to a 360° view at Eagle Rock via the Musch Trail. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

FRI 12/13 2pm

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SAT 12/14 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Birds and Their Peeps Join us as we learn about how birds relate to each other. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Families welcome. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 12/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve to care for native plants. Bring snack and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 12/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Invasive Plant Removal: Volunteers Needed Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required; rain cancels. For more information and reservation, contact Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/14 9am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Nature in Focus A good photograph combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way to get that memorable picture. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/14 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From the Old West to the Far East Take a moderate 6-mile hike through the geography of the imagination, including the old MASH site. Experience the drama of the Santa Monica Mountains landscape and discover how scenery inspires creativity and preservation. Bring water and a snack. Rain cancels. 3.5hrs NPS

SAT 12/14 9:30am

Temescal Gateway Park
Artist's Paint-out All artists, any media enjoy 141 acres of oak and sycamore canyons. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 12/14 9:30am

*Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit*
Crayfish Capture Bring back native fish and native frogs by removing the non-native red swamp crayfish! Great fun for kids, families, and groups. Learn more about the aquatic ecosystem of Malibu Creek. Bring a jacket and wear shoes that can get muddy. To register, visit www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For larger groups, call 818-591-1701 x202. 2.5hrs MRT

SAT 12/14 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
Walk into the Chumash World Discover how local Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/15 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 12/15 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/15 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
Easing into Winter Join an easy downhill hike goes through rock-studded chaparral, grassland and riparian habitats. Awesome views. Bring snack and water. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 12/15 3pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Native Ways Join us on an easy stroll and learn how various everyday useful items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 12/17 8:30am

*Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Easy-pace Hikers: Ocean Views Enjoy a moderately-paced 5-mile, 800' gain hike up and down a chaparral canyon with a viewpoint of the Pacific Ocean and then by a lake. Stop at camera monitored stop signs in park or you will be ticketed. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Info: 818-787-5420. Rain cancels. 3hrs SC

TUE 12/17 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers Join the hike on the Backbone Trail to the Topanga Lookout on this 10-mile, 1800' gain hike for awesome views. Meet at Hondo Canyon trailhead on Old Topanga Road 0.25 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 562-618-1129. 5hrs SC

TUE 12/17 5pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

WED 12/18 10am

Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Painting Visit and watch or paint with California impressionists. Bring camera and painting materials. All levels welcome. Info: Soni 818-800-5105. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 12/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

Temescal Canyon Association FALL HIKES

For latest updates:
www.temcanyon.org





Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservations required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
required).

Meet docent at the Gate
House for a one-hour tour.
FEE. Rain cancels. MLMD

SAT 12/21 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
**Return of the Lost Oak
Woodlands** Help rebuild habi-
tat with native plants. Receive
community service credit. Res-
ervations required: volunteer@
treepeople.org or 818-591-1701
x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 12/21 11am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Inspiration Point Hike Warm
up your hiking boots this winter
and shake off those big city
blues during this 1-mile hike.
Bring water and sunscreen.
Meet by fountain. 1hr NPS

SAT 12/21 1pm

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Stroll Through the Seasons
Enjoy a gentle walk through
the native plant garden, where
we will observe how plants
and animals change with the
seasons. 30 minutes MRCA/
SMMC

SAT 12/21 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
**Walk into the Chumash
World** Discover how local Chu-
mash Indians have used many
natural resources for thousands
of years to create a sustainable
way of life on this easy 1-mile
walk. Meet at front parking lot.
2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/21 3:30pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Winter Solstice Hike Hike up a
moderate trail, discuss seasonal
changes, and identify planets
and constellations. Meet in
parking lot. 2.5hrs MRCA/
SMMC

SUN 12/22 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
**Beach and Wetlands Bird
Watching** Beginners, experts,
teens or adults are all welcome.
Bring binoculars. Meet at
shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-
395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 12/22 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
**Birdwatching for Young
Children and Parents** Enjoy
a special walk - binoculars
provided. Meet at shaded view-
point. Reservations required
for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr
SMBAS

WED 12/25 10am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
**Moderate Hikers Annual
Holiday Toyon Trek** Join an
easy-paced 6-mile, 1200' gain
Christmas Day hike. Bring wa-
ter, lunch, and goodies to share.
Snow or rain cancels. Info: 562-
618-1127. 3hrs SC

SAT 12/28 8am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Canyon Birds Enjoy a leisurely
morning stroll in the canyon
while feasting your eyes on
our feathered friends. Bring
binoculars. Beginners welcome.
2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instruc-
tions provided. Bring gloves,
water, lunch, and sturdy foot-
wear. For meeting place
call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience
necessary. For more info or to
receive a schedule in the mail:
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/28 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Horse Tales See box to right



SAT 12/28 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek
Join a docent for a walk along
the creek and through a
wooded valley. Learn about the
area's animals, plants, early in-
habitants, and movies filmed in
the park. Meet at lower parking
lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 12/29 10am

Topanga State Park
Native Plant Hike Encounter
the early blooming shrubs and
wildflowers on this leisurely-
paced walk on trails through
grassland, oak woodland, and
chaparral. Trail choice depends
on recent rains. Meet in eastern
corner of parking lot. Bring
water; wear sturdy shoes. Info:
818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 12/29 1pm

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets
that turn a dusty set into a
realistic town. Join us on this
easy-paced walk behind the
scenes to discover the illu-
sions and history of Paramount
Ranch. 1hr NPS

TUE 12/31 8:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
**Easy-pace Hikers: Red Rock
Canyon** Join a moderately-
paced 4-mile, 800' gain hike
up a fire road and then down
into hidden Red Rock Canyon.
Seasonal streams, good views,
chaparral and sage habitats.
Bring water, snack, lugsoles,
hat, and sunscreen. Rain
cancels. Info: 818-787-5420.
2hrs SC

Horse Tales



**December 28
Saturday, 9am-11am**

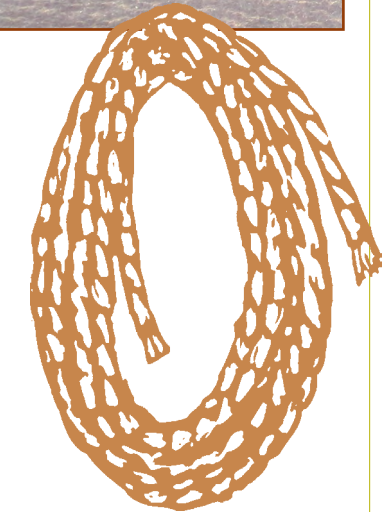
*Rancho Sierra Vista/
Satwiwa*

Bring the family for a
tour of historic Rancho
Sierra Vista. View ranch
buildings and restored carriages. Take
a 1.5 mile hike. Meet the rangers and
volunteers who patrol on horseback.
Enjoy a short horse demo in the ranch
arena. Meet in main parking lot.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 12/31 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
**Moderate Hikers to Inspira-
tion Point** Join us on a 7-mile,
1400' gain hike via Rivas Ridge
to Will Rogers State Historic
Park. Bring lunch and water.
Info: 562-618-1129. 4hrs SC



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 10 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking, equestrian trails, and picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS/MRCA/CSP
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- California State Parks Angeles District Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak, and Stunt Rds.
- Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

11 Headwaters Corner Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.

12 King Gillette Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

13 Leo Carrillo State Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway. **Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.

14 Malibu Bluffs Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.

15 Malibu Creek State Park Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left. **Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park. **Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy). **Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd. **Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

17 Paramount Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.

18 Peter Strauss Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.

19 Point Dume State Preserve Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.

20 Point Mugu State Park Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground. **Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.

21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd. **El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd. **La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd. **El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left. **Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building. **Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

23 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

24 Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

25 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #22.

27 Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 Zuma/Trancas Canyons **Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends. **Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road. **Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

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*Site map available at www.nps.gov/samo
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Have questions on a program or event?
Find the acronym (i.e. NPS) at the end of the description
and then contact the agency or organization below.

Directory of Park Partners

AASMM	310-457-9130	Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains (www.allied-artists.com)
CCD	818-591-1701	Cold Creek Docents (www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html)
CMPRD	310-317-1364	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept (www.malibucity.org)
CNI	213-746-2966	The Children's Nature Institute (www.childrensnatureinstitute.org)
CNPS	818-348-5910	California Native Plant Society (www.cnps.org)
CORBA	818-206-8213	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn (www.corbamt.com)
CRPD	805-495-2163	Conejo Recreation & Park District (www.crp.org)
CSP	818-880-0363	California State Parks (www.parks.ca.gov)
CWC	310-394-2799	Coastwalk California (www.coastwalk.org)
FORC	323-666-5004	Friends of Runyon Canyon
LAAS	323-876-0202	Los Angeles Audubon Society (www.losangelesaudubon.org)
LADPR	213-738-2961	County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation (parks.lacounty.gov)
MCD	818-889-6238	Malibu Creek Docents (www.malibucreekstatepark.org)
MLMD	310-456-8432	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents (www.adamsonhouse.org)
MRCA	310-858-7272 x131	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (www.lamountains.com)
MRT	818-591-1701	Mountains Restoration Trust (www.mountaintrust.org)
NB	310-765-4871	NatureBridge (www.naturebridge.org)
NOWW	310-455-0550	The Nature of Wildworks (www.natureofwildworks.org)
NPS	805-370-2301	National Park Service (www.nps.gov/samo)
RCDSMM	818-597-8627	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns (www.rcdsmm.org)
SC	213-387-4287	Sierra Club (www.sierraclub.org)
SFVAS	818-618-1652	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society (www.sfvaudubon.org)
SFVGP	818-702-8020	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch (www.calgourd.com)
SMBAS	310-395-6235	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society (smbasblog.wordpress.com)
SMMC	310-589-3200	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (www.smmc.ca.gov)
SMMF	805-370-2341	Santa Monica Mountains Fund (www.samofund.org)
SMMNHA	805-488-1827	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Assn
SMMTC	818-222-4531	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council (www.smmtc.org)
SRSMMR	310-206-3887	UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mtns Reserve (stuntranch.ucnr.org)
TCA	310-459-5931	Temescal Canyon Association (www.temcanyon.org)
TCD	310-455-1696	Topanga Canyon Docents (www.topangacanyondocents.org)
TOPAW	805-494-1700	Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists
TP	818-753-4600	TreePeople (www.treepeople.org)
WNPA	805-370-2302	Western National Parks Association (www.wnpa.org)
WRD	310-454-8212	Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents

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